ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS





SUBJECT SPECIFIC 2026-27 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Student Focus – Students should be guided towards an appropriate programme on which they are likely to be successful.

High Performance – The Bedford Sixth Form offers a range of academically demanding courses. We want the right student on the right course to get the right result.

Respect, Openness, Honesty – We want students to succeed and therefore we ensure the programme will suit the student. Enrolment must be a process of discussion and guidance.

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Some of our subjects are subject to standard entry requirements and some have additional requirements. Please see the table below to find out the entry requirements per subject.

SUBJECT	ENTRY CRITERIA
Ancient History	5 in English (Literature or Language)
Applied Science AAQ	5, 4 in double Science and a Grade 4 in Maths
Biology	2 x 6 in Science (one to be Biology if triple), 5 in Maths (6 recommended) and a 4 in English (Literature or Language)
Business Studies	5 at GCSE if studied, 4 in English (Literature and Language) and a 4 in Maths
Chemistry	2 x 6 in Science (one to be Chemistry if triple) and a 6 in Maths
Classical Civilisation	4 in both English Literature and Language
Computer Science	6 in Maths and some experience with programming
Criminology	4 in English (Literature or Language)
Drama	4 at GCSE if studied, 4 in English (Literature or Language)
Economics	5 in Maths (6 is recommended), 5 in English (Literature or Language)
English Language	6 in English (Literature or Language)
English Language & Literature	6 in English (Literature or Language)
English Literature	6 in English (Literature or Language)
Film Studies	5 in English (Literature or Language)
Fine Art	5 in an Art and Design subject at GSCE if studied, a portfolio of work may be requested.
French	6 in French
Further Maths	8 in Maths
Geography	5 at GCSE if taken, 4 in Maths and 4 in English Literature and Language

STANDARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- At least five GCSEs grade 4 and above (one vocational or technical qualification at Level 2 Merit and above may be counted)
- It is recommended students have achieved a grade 4 in both English (Literature or Language) and Maths
- Students may be able to resit either English or Maths alongside some programmes of study with a grade 3

SUBJECT	ENTRY CRITERIA
Graphic Communication	5 in an Art and Design subject at GCSE if studied, a portfolio of work may be requested
Health and Social Care AAQ	4 in English (Literature or Language)
History	5 in History if studied, 5 in English (Literature or Language)
Law	5 in English (Literature or Language)
Maths	6 in Maths (7 is recommended)
Media Studies	4 at GCSE if taken, 4 in both English Literature and Language
Philosophy	5 in English (Literature or Language)
Photography	5 in an Art and Design subject at GCSE if studied, a portfolio of work may be requested
Physical Education (PE)	5 in Science. Competing at club level in at least 1 sport
Physics	2 x 6 in Science (one to be Physics if triple) and a 6 in Maths. It is advised A Level Maths is also taken
Politics	4 in both English Literature and Language
Psychology	5, 4 in double Science, 4 in Maths and English (Literature or Language)
Sociology	4 in both English Literature and Language
Spanish	6 in Spanish
Sport Extended Certificate	Pass at Level 2 if studied. 4 in English (Literature or Language), 4 in Science
Textiles	5 in an Art and Design subject at GCSE if studied, a portfolio of work may be requested

Entry requirements subject to change.

